

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 are presently pending in this application, Claim 13 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 13-15 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ference et al. (U.S. Patent 5,244,143). However, Claims 1-12 were allowed and Claims 16-21 and 23-28 were indicated as including allowable subject matter. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

The amended Claim 13 is fully supported by the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.¹ Applicant therefore submits that no new matter has been introduced.

Claim 13 has been amended to add a recitation that **the two parts are separated while the alloy is in a liquid state**. As the outstanding Office Action indicates,² Ference et al. do not disclose this feature. Namely, Ference et al. do disclose that the two parts are separated **only after** solder solidification, but do not disclose that the two parts are separated **while the alloy is in a liquid state**. Therefore, Ference et al. are not believed to in any way to anticipate the specific features recited in Claim 13. Thus, Claim 13 is believed to be allowable.

Substantially the same arguments as set forth above with regard to Claim 13 also apply to dependent Claims 14-28, which depend directly or indirectly from Claim 13, respectively. Further, Claims 16-21 and 23-28 were indicated as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, each of the dependent claims is also believed to be allowable.

¹For example, Figs. 1 and 6-10.

²The outstanding Office Action, page 4, item 4, lines 1-3.

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Consequently, in view of the amendments and in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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